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To whom it may concern,

I apologize for the sharp tone, but this is the only way to express the disappointment in the DOJ's buckling resolve to prosecute Microsoft:

I am outraged to hear that the DOJ is not following its' responsibility to protect the consumer and free-market competition.

Microsoft has CLEARLY exceeded the bounds of legality and continues to use it's monopoly in nefarious ways. What is worse is that its' Ad campaign and actions have arrogantly flouted it's power DURING THE TRIAL. A mere mortal can only observe this circus and gag. If this is how MS acts during the trial, imagine what it will be like after a "slap on the wrist".

What vile gall MS had in proposing the "\$1 Bil, K12 aid" settlement, is overshadowed by the limp and impotent spine demonstrated by the defenders of the people.

To those who know the computer industry, it is well known that MS is on the wrong side of "innovation" and all that is good. Not because they are financially successful, but because of their never-ending "legally gray" methods of persuing their ruthless greed. Competition is something to be eliminated, and they are succeeding.

You have failed us, the people, and all that we can think is that perhaps big business is indeed more powerful that the government.

I encourage you to re-evaluate your policy of bowing to MS, and not enforcing the law and the very spirit of what makes this country great.

Please, do what is right, redouble your efforts and seek to break up this behemoth of criminal behavior. MS will not stop on its own, and it will continue to take advantage of the consumer.

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